

What Prayer Partners *Are & Are Not*

EFFIE JAMES CO.



Prayer partners at Effie's Tower are individuals who commit to regularly praying / interceding for a NICU family and their specific needs, goals, or concerns while in the NICU. We believe having prayer partners allows us to support one another spiritually through prayer and offer encouragement in your faith journey.

Prayer Partners ARE:

- **Committed Intercessors:**

- We believe in the Scriptures and that God calls his church to be intercessors for one another in times of need. Intercessors are not like normal prayer partners where there is a mutual spiritual support and mutual sharing of prayer requests. Rather, intercessory prayer is prayer focused on standing in the gap for someone or praying on behalf of them, particularly during a hard time. Many times, this is exemplified in Scriptures, but most perfectly shown by Jesus, himself when he prays for his disciples knowing hardships were ahead (John 17:6-19).
- We believe that we should remain in posture of seeking the Lord and praying throughout the entirety of our Christian walk, obeying and believing the God's will to be done. (Luke 21:36) All Effie's Tower Prayer Partners are committed to praying for their assigned NICU for the entirety of that family's NICU journey. We believe it is vital and encouraging to have someone consistent alongside in your life-impacting journey.
 - In any such case that an Effie's Tower Prayer Partner may no longer continue do so, the associated NICU family will be made aware and will be reassigned to a new prayer partner unless indicated otherwise.

- **Vetted & Trained**

- All Effie's Tower Prayer Partners are selected and must sign a Statement of Faith, Agreement & Commitment, and a Confidentiality Agreement.
- All Effie's Tower Prayer Partners are trained before becoming a prayer partner. Training includes more insight to life in the NICU, stressors, and how the environment may be while families fight for their little ones. Training also includes a review of all communication and expectation guidelines.

- **Encouragers & Edifiers**

- We believe that we are not only called to lift one another up in prayer but to encourage one another and bring edification in times of need. During difficult journeys, it is easy to become discouraged and

disheartened by the bad medical reports, slow progress, and just the immense impact of the journey you are on. We want to help remind you of hope and strength in the Lord.

- Encouragement from an Effie's Tower Prayer Partner may look like reminding you that you are a great mom or dad or just reminders that you are being thought of and prayed for.
- Edification from an Effie's Tower Prayer Partner may look like sharing of scripture or specific words that has been pressed upon the prayer partners heart for you.

- **Keepers of Confidentiality and Trust**

- We know that NICU journeys can be some of the most impactful, personal experiences that anyone can go through. Effie's Tower Prayer Partners are committed to keep full trust and confidentiality, as personal and sometimes sensitive issues may be shared. Maintaining this trust is an utmost priority to us.

- **Frequent Communicators**

- Effie's Tower Prayer partners are open to communicate regularly if the NICU family desires to have that communication. They can communicate through phone calls, texts, or emails to update one another on prayer requests or progress in the NICU journey.

Prayer Partners ARE NOT:

- **Mutual Support**

- Unlike communal or inner circle prayer partners, Effie's Tower Prayer Partners will not reciprocate prayer or sharing of prayer requests. They will never ask for prayer from you for their own well-being, needs, and spiritual growth.

- **Accountability Partners**

- Effie's Tower Prayer Partners will not hold anyone being prayed for accountable to their faith, goals, and/or spiritual walk.

- **Spiritual Counselors**

- We believe in keeping the main focus of what we feel called to do, which is to pray for NICU families going through a NICU journey with their little one(s). An Effie's Tower Prayer Partner will never offer or give spiritual advice. However, if spiritual advice is requested, we are more than glad to connect NICU families with a pastor from a local church.

- **Medical Advisors**

- Effie James Co. and its affiliates are not a medical or medicinal licensed organization nor do we offer services in any medical or medicinal capacity. Even if an Effie's Tower Prayer partner has a medical background, we will never offer or give medical advice or knowledge. Effie's Tower Prayer Partners may ask names of specific medical issues, conditions, or diseases that need to be prayed for, but only to pray specific prayers for healing in that area.

- **Financial Supporters**

- We understand and know that the NICU journey has more challenges than just the time inside the hospital. There are many other impacted challenges that arise such as financial stress. We want you to know that we are here to support you through prayer, and if there are financial needs, we will pray for you and your family in that area and for God to provide.